

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2010, and takes into consideration the Decision on Petition dated January 7, 2011.

In the Decision on Petition, the Requirement for Restriction was withdrawn, and the application was forwarded to the Examiner for consideration on the merits of Claims 1 to 18. It is therefore understood that prosecution on the merits of all claims has been reopened. It is further understood that no claims currently stand “withdrawn” from consideration, such that the “withdrawn” label has been deleted from the listing of claims.

With respect to the Office Action dated December 6, 2010, an indication of allowability was received for all of Claims 2, 5, 8, 10, 13 and 16, subject to the correction of formal matters. These matters have been attended to by amendment, above. Allowance is respectfully requested.

Turning to a formal matter, after issuance of the instant Office Action, an Information Disclosure Statement was filed. The Information Disclosure Statement was filed on January 18, 2011. Consideration of the art cited therein is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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